Learner Support Programme

Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA) – Information for non-DaDA Learning Providers 2009/10

June 2009

Of interest to stakeholders involved in delivering Learner Support
Further information
Further information on the scheme is available from the following sources:

Learning Providers can contact the Learner Support Service for advice on administering the scheme on 0845 600 7979.

Learners should be directed to the Learner Support helpline on 0800 121 8989.

Alternatively the Learner Support Service can be contacted via email at DaDA@lsclearnersupport.co.uk

Learner Support Directorate
Learning and Skills Council
(National Office)

The Straddle
Victoria Quays
Wharf Street
Sheffield S2 5SY

T 0845 019 4171
lsc.gov.uk
Introduction

This document has been updated for the 2009/10 academic year (1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010). Do not use this document after August 2010. Please check the website to make sure that you are using the correct version.

This document provides information for Learning Providers who are not involved in delivering the Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA).

This document is aimed at key stakeholders who may be required to provide information, advice and guidance (IAG) to individuals who are interested in entering specialist education and training in the performing arts including non-DaDA Learning Providers, partners delivering IAG, the Learner Support Service (LSS) that provides helpline, assessment and payment services for the scheme, and Learning and Skills Council (LSC) colleagues at an area, regional and national level.

This document sets out the key points that will enable non-DaDA Providers to provide individuals with appropriate IAG about the DaDA scheme and how they apply for funding. It does not provide detail about the delivery of the DaDA scheme; this is made available to those Providers who are involved in delivering DaDA. Those Providers are issued with Requirements for Providers as part of their contract with the LSC.

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Young People’s Learner Support Director

June 2009
Background and overview

The DaDA scheme is a strand of the LSC’s Learner Support programme. The scheme aims to enable the most talented individuals to train to become actors, dancers and stage managers, regardless of their family income.

DaDAs are scholarships funded by the LSC. They offer greatly reduced tuition fees and income-assessed support with living and learning costs, at some of the leading independent Dance and Drama schools in England. A DaDA is made up of two parts:

- support towards fees which is non-income-assessed and paid directly to participating schools by the LSC; and
- income-assessed student support which provides additional support for fees and maintenance costs.

Students who are offered a place under DaDA will receive a government-assisted place and will only be charged £1,275 (2009/10 rate) as the student contribution towards the tuition fee. Students who hold a DaDA for a course of further education may apply for income-assessed assistance to help meet the £1,275 student fee.

Students from England, Scotland and Wales may also apply for help with their maintenance costs. Assistance with maintenance costs is not available from the fund for students who normally live in other countries in the EU.
Eligibility criteria

Eligibility of learner

The learner must be:

- aged 16 or above to apply for a dance course;
- aged 18 or above to apply for an acting or stage management course; or
- an European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) national and have three years continuous residence immediately before the start of the course, or have settled status or indefinite leave to remain in the UK.

Eligibility of Learning Providers

DaDAs are available only at the 22 private Dance and Drama Training Providers which are part of the Award scheme. For a full list of the Training Providers visit the DaDA website at direct.gov.uk/danceanddrama.

Eligible Providers are offered an allocation of Awards each year. Award rates are set by the LSC after a financial review of costs every three years.

Dance and Drama schools must apply to join the DaDA scheme on a three-year cycle. The current cycle runs from 2006/07 to 2008/09. Accredited DaDA Providers are inspected by Ofsted and are reviewed by the LSC on a three-year cycle.

A review of the DaDA Providers took place in 2008 and the next cycle will start from September 2009 and run until 2012.

Learning Providers that are part of the DaDA scheme are issued with Requirements for Funding that form part of their contract with the LSC.

Eligibility of courses

The courses/qualifications that are eligible for DaDA are:

- National Diploma in Professional Acting (three years);
- National Certificate in Professional Acting (one year);
- National Certificate in Professional Dance (two years);
- National Diploma in Professional Dance (three years);
- National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (three years); and
- National Diploma in Professional Production Skills (two years).

The Awards are not available for academic or general courses in Dance and Drama. Only those courses detailed above, and accredited by Trinity College London, are eligible. The Awards qualifications are set at Levels 5 and 6.
How to apply

How learners apply for support
Once an individual has decided which course they want to apply for and which school they want to go to, they should contact the school to arrange for an audition and tell the school that they want to apply for a DaDA. The school will send an application form that should be returned to them.

The courses that are eligible for DaDAs are very popular and we recommend that applications are submitted as early as possible. DaDAs are given to students who show the most talent at audition, regardless of their financial circumstances. Where individuals display equal talent at audition, their financial circumstances will be considered.

When an individual applies for a DaDA, the school should also send them an application form for help with living costs from the Income Assessed Student Support Fund (IASSF). An application form for the IASSF can also be obtained from the LSS:

- Learner Support Service learner helpline: 0800 121 8989
- Learner Support Service Provider helpline: 0845 600 7979
- Email: DaDA@lslearnersupport.co.uk

Completed applications for the IASSF, together with evidence of household income, should be returned to the LSS (not the school) at:

Dance and Drama Awards
Freepost RSAX-SCY-RUZB
Learner Support Service
Manchester M3 3JZ

The amount of extra financial support that the student can get towards their fees and living costs will depend on their family’s annual household income. The tables show how much extra help learners can get towards their fees and living costs in 2009/10.

Rates for students living outside England, Scotland and Wales
Assistance with student fee contribution only

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Full details of acceptable income evidence are supplied with the application form for the IASSF.
## Rates for students living in England, Scotland and Wales

Assistance with student fee contribution and living costs

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Links with other support

Learners in receipt of a DaDA are not able to apply for Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) or an Adult Learning Grant (ALG). EMA and ALG are available for qualifications up to/including Level 3 only.

Students benefiting from a DaDA initial award may apply for a Career Development Loan (CDL) to cover their maintenance costs and/or the student fee contribution. When applying for a CDL, the applicant must be able to prove that the CDL money they apply for will not be used to fund something that is already funded by the DaDA.
Marketing and support materials

The following marketing and support materials are available for DaDAs in 2009/10. The marketing and support materials change each year and we ask Providers to remove old stock and replace with new stock as soon as possible. In order to ensure you have the most recent materials, please check the website lsc.gov.uk/providers/moneytolearn.

- **Dance & Drama Awards** – a booklet aimed at the learner, providing information about the scheme and how to apply (ref. LSC-DD1).
- **Exits and Entrances: Students’ Stories** – a booklet that documents students’ exit from training and their entrance into professional work.

These two booklets can be viewed and downloaded from the LSC website at danceanddrama.lsc.gov.uk/publications/dadpublications/.

- Printed copies of the *Dance & Drama Awards* booklet can be ordered by contacting LSC Publications as follows. Please quote the relevant publication reference number when ordering.

LSC Publications
PO Box 5050
Sherwood Park
Annesley
Nottingham NG15 0DJ

Tel: **0845 602 2260**
Fax: **0845 603 3360**
Minicom: **0845 605 5560**
Email: lsc@prolog.uk.com
Audit requirements

Audit requirements are not applicable for the purposes of this guidance. Details of audit requirements are issued to DaDA Providers.
Sources of further information

DaDA website: direct.gov.uk/danceanddrama

LSS Provider helpline: 0845 600 7979

LSS learner helpline: 0800 121 8989

LSS email: DaDA@lsclearnersupport.co.uk

The Council for Dance Education and Training (CDET) and the National Council for Drama Training (NCDT) also have information on organisations which may be able to offer funding for vocational courses.

CDET
Tel: 020 7240 5703
Email: info@cdet.org.uk
www.cdet.org.uk

NCDT
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